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- 1. According to informant Sechsenhausen concentration camp contains approximately 16,000 prisoners who are either political, criminal, or espionage suspects. The German camp commandant is a former recipient of the Knight's Cross by the name of "Michalosky". The Russian comp commandant is Lt. Colonel Rudenkov.
- 2. The immates of the camp are divided into battalions which are led by a German. A Russian sergeant assists each battalion leader. The battalions are organized into companies of 200 to 250 men, and the companies are divided into two platoons which likewise have their corresponding platoon leaders.
- 3. There are comparatively few in the camp except in the stone house where the soldiers are stationed. In this same house the prisoners are subjected to interrogation and finger-printing.
- 4. Pattalions One, Two, Three and Four are for those prisoners who are unfit for work. They are completely undernourished and must sleep on bare wooden bunks without benefit of straw mattress. Battalions Five and Six are work battalions. Their members have straw mattresses on their bunks and receive fifty grams of bread and five grams of sugar more than the others.
- Jobs in Sachsenhausen consist entirely of camp duties such as tailoring, shoemaking, gardening, cooking, beloing, infirmary detail, and burial detail. The burial unit is kept quite busy. In the winter of 1946/1947 thirty-five to forty men died daily.
- 6. Some details work outside the camp. The Berlin Detail brings rations from the warehouse and the Forest Datail hauls wood for cooking and heating. The Garrison Detail cleans the former quarters of the SS troops which are now occupied by the Russian officers stationed at the camp and the NVD. Likewise, a Marino Datail maintons the eraft used for living quarters on Lehnitzese. In the garages of the comp is the so-called Potsdamer Auto Reperatur Werkstatt in which camp immates repair Russian vehicles.

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- 7. The food served at Sachsenhausen is very meagre. In the morning a half liter of soup is dished out. It is increased to three-fourths of a liter at noon. In the evening tea or coffee with ten grams of sugar and 300-400 grams of bread is served. Because of the insufficient diet, many prisoners try to get kitchen duty in order to supplement their food with potato peels.
- 8. Prominent individuals intormed at Sachser brusen are:

Professor Plagemenn

Fredi Rolf

Hans Heier

Dir. Kadewe

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